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SUBJECT : OSZ Directive Affecting Foreign Military Personnel in Czechoslovakia

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1. [REDACTED] decree put out by Dept. V (OSZ) of the Czech Ministry of National Defense.

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2. Foreign military personnel caught violating Czech laws have heretofore been detained by the SSB, (the Czech Security Police of the Ministry of Interior) and then turned over to military garrisons of the Ministry of Defense. In accordance with permanent peacetime security regulations, previous decrees pertaining to joint control measures regarding foreign military personnel have been rescinded, and all cases involving foreign military personnel are to be taken over by the appropriate civil security agency of the Ministry of the Interior. No military agency is authorized to detain or take into custody any person falling within civil criminal jurisdiction. This order includes citizens of foreign states, even though they may be in uniform. Only in exceptional cases may military agencies detain such a person; if he has been apprehended in the act of committing a crime, if there is danger due to delay, or if a civil security agency is not within reach. All such cases, however, are to be turned over as soon as possible to the appropriate organ of the SSB.

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